

Passes Away This Morning

**Mrs. A. L. Frisbie Dies at Home of
Her Daughter, Mrs. Homer J.
Clark in Des Moines**

**FUNERAL SERVICES TO
BE SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

**Mrs. Frisbie Was the Widow of One
of Iowa's Pioneer Congre-
gational Ministers**

Mrs. A. L. Frisbie passed away at 3 o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Homer J. Clark, 850 Polk Boulevard, Des Moines. Mrs. Frisbie had been failing steadily for some time and had been unconscious for the past few days. She was 90 years old. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon.

As the wife of Rev. A. L. Frisbie, for many years one of Iowa's leading Congregational pastors, Mrs. Frisbie had a close connection with Grinnell, especially in the earlier days and will be mourned by many who knew her in her days of strength and great usefulness.

Martha C. Crosby was born May 17, 1840, in Miry Brook, an outlying district of Danbury, Conn., the daughter of Judah P. and Catherine Stevens Crosby. She grew to womanhood in Danbury and in July of 1859 was graduated from Mt. Holyoke Seminary. Following her graduation she engaged in teaching, first in a private school for girls in New Brunswick, N. J., and later in Danbury and in Temple Grove Seminary at Saratoga Springs, a position which she relinquished to become the wife of her former pastor in Danbury, Rev. A. L. Frisbie, whom she married July 29, 1873.

At that time began the close association with the life of Des Moines and Iowa which was to continue for so many years. Dr. Frisbie was the pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, which then occupied a small building on Locust street just east of the present site of the Chamberlain hotel and Mrs. Frisbie as the pastor's wife, entered loyally and efficiently into all the activities and affairs of the church.

The Bible class which she established grew with the church and there are still a few in Des Moines who remember its weekly sessions and its inspiring teacher. She was active in statewide missionary work and aided her husband in all the multifarious duties which fell to him, while at the same time performing her own duties of busy housewife and mother.

She was the center of a happy home which for many years was located at 723 Fifth Street. When she was married three children were awaiting her motherly care and two were born to her.

She was one of Des Moines' busy, vigorous matrons, absorbed in good deeds, interested in good things and helpful in innumerable ways.

Her impress on the life of her home

community was a very real thing in the days of her activity and has not been entirely forgotten in the years of increasing feebleness as has been demonstrated by her large correspondence and the many gifts which have come to her each Christmas from the loyal friends who have not forgotten Mrs. Frisbie as she was.

Mrs. Frisbie was associated from its organization with the Iowa Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, serving as vice president for thirteen years and as its president for twelve years. She declined re-election in 1904. In 1900 she was appointed to represent the Woman's Board of the Interior at the Ecumenical Council in New York and read a paper at one of the sectional meetings. She was an early member of the Des Moines Women's Club and was elected an honorary life member.

In addition to many other duties she found time for a number of years to teach in Callanan College, located on the present site of the Methodist Hospital. She was a natural teacher and loved the work, only relinquishing it when other calls upon her time and strength became too heavy.

Since the death of Dr. Frisbie, Dec. 17, 1917, Mrs. Frisbie has lived quietly with her daughter, Mrs. Homer J. Clark.

She is survived by four children, Mrs. G. M. Whicher, of Amerst, Mass., W. A. Frisbie of Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Homer J. Clark of Des Moines and A. L. Frisbie, Jr., of Grinnell. One daughter, Mrs. W. H. Ryan of New York, preceded her in death.

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